Postponement of Afro-Asian Games

4429. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have urged the Indian Olympic Association, the organisers of the 2001 Afro-Asian Games scheduled to be held from 3 rd to 11 th November, 2001. to postpone the events;

(b) if so. what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the postponement would show India's inability to host the Games for nearly two decades; and

(d) if so. what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Dope Testing Facility in the Country

4430. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dope testing facilities are not available in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this facility was created during Asian Games in 1982 but the equipment has either not been working or has become out-dated;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take help from Germany in this regard; and

(e) how much amount is being spent for each sample ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is one Dope Control Laboratory at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. New Delhi which is yet to be accredited with International Olympic Committee . Medical Commission.

(c) No such facility was created during 1982 Asian Games.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Approximately Rs.2,250/-.